

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 13, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Malachi 3:19-20a

Second: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

FOCUS: *Let us be vigilant and prayerfully prepare for the return of Christ in glory.*

Life is often described as a journey with an ultimate destination. As we near the end of another liturgical year, we are invited to reflect on the final things – death, judgment, heaven and hell. But we do so not in fear but in hope, for while this earthly life might end, the promise of life eternal shines brightly in Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Malachi prophesies how God's power is like a consuming fire that will destroy all evil and wickedness. Paul writes to the Thessalonians, calling them to daily virtue. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his followers to remain steadfast and faithful.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Jason MacConnell, Jim Botti and Carmen DeWitt

10 a.m.: John Iosca, Elizabeth Kern and Patricia Hogan

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 30- November 6: Totaled \$ 6,948.64

Envelopes: \$ 2,879.00 – Online: \$ 4,069.64

THANK YOU!

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next **Children's Mass** has been scheduled for 10 a.m. **Sunday, December 11**, at which the children will greet, read the Word of God, sing and present the gifts. Signup sheets will be in the hall beginning this weekend for those who wish to participate.

Although the homily will be written and delivered with the youngsters in mind, everyone is welcome to attend and be inspired!



ALTAR SERVERS SOUGHT

The **Altar Servers** ministry is reassembling!!

If your child has received First Communion, he or she is eligible to become a part of this important ministry. Training will be provided, and commitment is limited to one or two Masses a month, depending on the number of young volunteers available to schedule.

Time served on the altar can also be applied toward community-service hours for National Honor Society, Scouts, etc.

To sign up, parents should contact Andy and Alison Britto by Monday, **November 14**, at oweson13@yahoo.com or brit20852000@yahoo.com

Include your child's name, your phone number, email address and the Mass at which your child can serve – 5 p.m. Saturday or 10 a.m. Sunday.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The ballots have been counted and the winners notified. So now we are letting you know that the following three parishioners will begin their Parish Council terms in January 2023:

Gale Britto

Kate Gallaher-Carson

Anne Savastano

Congratulations!

SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION

"...We need to make sure our faith shapes our political action, not the other way around. We cannot forget that we pursue the kingdom of God, not some earthly vision or ideological cause.

A significant challenge is to avoid divisiveness; to emphasize the common ground among social service and social action, education and advocacy, pro-life and social justice, economic development and environmental commitment.

We need to work together to reflect a comprehensive concern for the human person in our parish."

- US Bishops, "Communities of Salt and Light"

VIRTUAL GIVING TREE RETURNS

The “angels” have flown in: From the Orange County Department of Social Services; from St. Simon Stock, a sister Carmelite parish in the Bronx, and from Family Empowerment for adults with disabilities.



Beginning next weekend, you can choose yours. As was done last year, rather than taking a tag off the **Giving Tree**, all you need do is reach out to **EITHER** Therese Quinn (845-313-0256; eat@frontiernet.net) **OR** Mary McCabe (914-420-0842; mmmk94@frontiernet.net). **NOT BOTH!** You will be given all the information needed to find Christmas gifts that are sure to bring a smile.

Wrapped gifts identified with the angel number must be returned to Deacon John Hall no later than **December 18**.

HOLIDAYS START ON THE RIGHT NOTE

Kick off the season once again with holiday music performed by the **Pine Bush Community Band**, a full-sized concert band that is dedicated to sharing music with the public.

This musical tradition will return at 7 p.m. **Monday, November 28**. It's free, so invite friends and neighbors.



MAKE YOUR ADVENT WREATH

Our annual **Advent wreath-making afternoon** will take place at **1 p.m. Sunday, November 27**. There are supplies to accommodate the first 45 families to sign up, which can be done beginning this weekend in Deacon John Hall.

The Advent wreath, woven with symbolism, has been used by Christians in their spiritual preparation for Christmas since the Middle Ages.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Purple candles remind us of prayer, penance and preparatory sacrifices, while the rose candle reflects rejoicing at the midpoint of Advent. The light of the candles signifies Christ, the Light of the World.

The candles sit in a circle of greens. The circle has no beginning or end, and the evergreens also depict continuous life, symbolizing our immortal soul.

WREATHS WITH HEART

It's not too early to start thinking about decking the halls – or your doors – for Christmas. Orders for **festively-decorated wreaths** will be taken this weekend and next, **November 19-20**. They'll be here to pick up and then hang up the weekend after Thanksgiving, **November 26-27**.


The cost is still \$24 each, and the proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association.


MEMORIAL MASS





Just talking about the Consolation Ministry's Memorial Mass celebrated last Saturday was enough to elicit emotion from some of those in attendance. Thoughts of the comforting words of the homily, the moving music and the placement of votive candles on the altar to represent loved ones lost last year brought tears to eyes once again... A beautifully powerful morning!

IN THE LOOP

 Time is running out to participate in the **Wallkill East Rotary's annual Coat Collection Drive**. New and/or gently used, *clean* jackets and coats must be dropped off in Deacon John Hall by this **Monday, November 14**.

 Thanks to your generosity, the **Prayer Blanket Ministry** raised about \$970 at last weekends' Bake Sale! If you or someone you know is facing a challenge that could use the comfort of a blessed prayer blanket, call the office.

 To mark the **Solemnity of All Carmelite Saints**, Brother Joseph Tuan Bui, O. Carm., will present “All Saints in Carmel and their Special Relationship with Mary, Mother of God” at 9:30 a.m. this **Monday, November 14**, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

 Kindly bring in any **donations for holiday baskets** by this **Monday, November 14**, so we can assess what we have and what needs to be purchased. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 66
10 a.m. Sunday: 162

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